

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
REVIEW PANEL MEMBER FOR MILITARY COMMISSIONS

BIOGRAPHY

William T. Coleman, Jr., will serve as a member of the review panel for military commissions. Review panel members are responsible for reviewing military commission proceedings. The review panel may consider written and oral arguments by the defense, the prosecution and the government of the nation of which the accused is a citizen. If the review panel finds that a material error of law occurred, the review panel will return the case for further proceedings, including dismissal of charges. The review panel may also make recommendations to the secretary of defense with respect to the disposition of the case before it, including sentencing matters.

Coleman is a senior partner and the senior counselor in the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers LLP. He served as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter in the 1948 October term. He served as the fourth secretary of transportation of the United States from 1975 to 1977 in the Ford Administration. His public service includes advisory or consultant positions to six former presidents. In 1969, he was a member of the U.S. delegation to the 24th session of the U.N. General Assembly.

He is a 1946 graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was a member of the board of editors of the Harvard Law Review and recipient of the Joseph E. Beale Prize.

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